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SUBJ: MBFR WORKING GROUP REPORT TO SPC ON STABILIZING MEASURES

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

REF: USNATO 5869

1. DURING DEC 4 WORKING GROUP MEETING, STAFF GROUP CIRCULATED NEW DRAFT REPORT TO SPC ON TECHNICAL/MILITARY ASPECTS OF STABILIZING MEASURES. PARA BY PARA REVIEW PRECIPITATED LENGTHY DEBATE (IN PART WHOLLY UNRELATED TO TEXT) DURING WHICH FRG REP (DZIALAS) RECITED GERMAN VIEWS ON GENERAL QUESTION OF STABILIZING MEASURES AS CONTAINED IN FRG'S TEXT CIRCULATED DURING DEC 3 NAC (REFTEL), BUT NOTED HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON WF DRAFT; AND UK REP (LLOYD) CONTINUED NOW FAMILIAR LINE OF FINDING MEASURES DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT AS CONCEPTS WITHOUT PREVIOUSLY EXAMINING AND AGREEING TO DETAILS OF EACH.

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2. SEVERAL REPS ARGUED THAT REPORT SHOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO STATING THAT MEASURES WERE BEVG EXAMINED AND AGREED TO AS CONCEPTS ONLY; THAT AGREEING TO DETAILS INVOLVED DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD REQUIRE RESOLUTION; LATER (PER UK REP); THAT REPORT SHOULD AVOID DISCUSSING IMPLICATIONS OF APPLYING MEASURES DURING PHASE II (PER US REP); AND THAT IT SHOULD COME DOWN SQUARELY IN FAVOR OF FINDING NO COMPELLING MILITARY ADVANTAGE OR DISADVANTAGE IN EXTENDING MEASURES TO OTHER THAN US/SOVIET FORCES DURING PHASE I. UK REP RELUCTANTLY AGREED BUT URGED THAT LANGUAGE BE INCLUDED TO THE EFFECT THAT AGREEING TO CONCEPTS WAS DANGEROUS WITHOUT EXAMINATION OF DETAILS, AND THAT US MEASURES SHOULD BE APPLIED WITH GREAT CARE IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THEY DO NOT BECOME "EXCESSIVELY SELF-CONSTRAINING". CHAIRMAN (SMITH) AGREED TO PRODUCE WHOLLY NEW DRAFT EXPRESSING FOREGOING FOR CIRCULATION AT END OF WEEK. WE WILL CABLE TEXT WHEN RECEIVED.

3. FINALLY, WORKING GROUP BADE FAREWELL TO GENERAL LLOYD AS UK REP DURING PAST FIVE YEARS. OF INTEREST WILL BE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN UK SANDBAGGING TACTICS FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE. RUMSFELD

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